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1. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE STIRRING IN WASHINGTON AS A RESULT OF GENERAL DEPUY'S RETURN FROM HIS RECENT VISIT IN SAIGON AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE ATTACK PLAN OUTLINED IN SAIGON EMBTEL 39342. DEPUY HAS SPOKEN SEVERAL TIMES OF THE IMPORTANCE AND IMPACT OF PARDEE'S BRIEFING TO A "COMMANDERS CONFERENCE" HELD BY GENERAL ABRAMS ON 20 SEPTEMBER. REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS BRIEFING TO US IF THIS HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE. 25X1

2. FYI ONLY, IN A PRIVATE SESSION WITH [redacted] AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUNDY, DEPUY WAS VERY CRITICAL OF THE ACTUAL PHOENIX PROGRESS MADE TO DATE. HE ENDORSED THE CONCEPT BUT SAID THAT IN MOST AREAS THINGS WERE BARELY GETTING OFF THE GROUND. ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE DISTRICTS HAD FUNCTIONAL DIOCC'S, ANOTHER THIRD HAD HAD THEM IN NAME ONLY AND IN THE REMAINING THIRD THE DIOCC CONCEPT DID NOT EXIST AT ALL. HE ALSO SAID THAT PHOENIX WAS POTENTIALLY MUCH

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MORE THAN AN INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM AND REALLY CONSTITUTED THE CORE AROUND WHICH EFFECTIVE PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OF ALL XXEX TYPES WOULD HAVE TO BE BUILT. HE MADE THE CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT, UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, DIRECTION OF THE PHOENIX PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN INTELLIGENCE [redacted] HANDS. WHEN QUES- 25X1
TIONED ON THIS POINT, HOWEVER, HE BACKED AWAY FROM THE NOTION THAT MAJOR COMMAND OR STRUCTURAL CHANGES WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. THE ABOVE PARA MAY REFLECT NOTHING MORE THAN GENERAL DEPUY'S PERSONAL VIEWS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMENTS AND IN ~~XX~~ ANY INDICATIONS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN OF SUCH THOUGHTS STIRRING IN THE BOSOM OF MACV.

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